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| <b>DECLARATION AND POWER OF<br/>ATTORNEY FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN<br/>PATENT APPLICATION SUBMITTED WITH<br/>INITIAL FILING<br/>(37 CFR 1.63)</b> | Attorney Docket No.  | 3024-119                                  |
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|   | Application Number   | US National stage of<br>PCT/EP2004/011974 |
|   | Filing Date          |   |
|   | Group Art Unit       | N/A                                       |
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As a below named inventor, we hereby declare that:

Our residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are an original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **HIGH EFFICIENCY GENE TRANSFER AND EXPRESSION IN MAMMALIAN CELLS BY A MULTIPLE TRANSFECTION PROCEDURE OF MAR SEQUENCES**, the specification of which was filed on **October 22, 2004**, as international application **PCT/EP2004/011974**.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed

| Prior Foreign Application Numbers | Country | Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY) | Priority Claimed | Certified Copy Attached? Yes/No |
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We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

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